

Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 15, 2009 @ 5:45 pm

Item #1

\$8,500.00 be appropriated to the MIS Salary Account for Overtime. Said amount is to be taken from available funds in the undesignated fund balance "free cash" account.

Item #2

\$60,000.00 be appropriated to the DPW Wastewater Expense Account for Repairs to Equipment said amount to be taken from available funds in the Sewer Surplus Account.

Item #3

\$50,000.00 be appropriated to the DPW Wastewater Special Account for Building Repairs said amount is to be taken from available funds in the Sewer Surplus Account.

Item #4

\$12,452.25 be appropriated to the Human Resources Salary Account for Acting Director said amount is to be taken from available funds in the undesignated fund balance "free cash" account.

Item #5

Minutes



CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED

MEMBERS

William Zaskey, Chairman
Shane Brooks, Vice-Chairman
James Tillotson
George Moreau
Dino Brunetti
John Vieau
Fred Krampits

MINUTES
December 15, 2009

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 5:45 PM in the City Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Members Present

Zaskey, Brooks, Tillotson, Brunetti, Krampits (arrived 5:50), Moreau, Vieau .

Also Present

Councilor Swider, Councilor Croteau, Councilor Zygarowski, Daniel Garvey (Associate City Solicitor), Ken Krech (MIS Director), Mike Lareau (Senior systems Engineer), Chris Nolan (Mayor's Office) Stan Kulig (Superintendent DPW), Tom Shea (Head Operator WPC)

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM

ITEM #1

ORDERED THAT the sum of eight thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$8,500.00) be and hereby is appropriated to the following named account:

MIS Salary Account For Overtime (Acct # 11360001-514350)

Said amount is to be taken from available funds in the undesignated fund balance "Free Cash" account.

Ken Krech and Mike Lareau stated that; their overtime account is depleted and this money will take them through the end of the fiscal year. Any unused money will be returned to the "Free Cash Account".

Councilor Croteau stated that; we have trouble balancing our own budget.

Councilor Tillotson stated that; this is getting more and more complicated all the time.

Moreau motioned to approve, Zaskey 2nd the motion.

Committee Vote: 7-0 approved.

ITEM #2

ORDERED THAT the sum of sixty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$60,000.00) be and hereby is appropriated to the following named account:

D.P.W. Wastewater Special Account For Repairs To Equipment (Acct # 60004412-524005)

Said amount is to be taken from available funds in the sewer surplus account.

Stan Kulig and Tom Shea stated that; the treatment plant is 30 years old and needs proactive and preventive maintenance on equipment.

Brunetti made a motion to approve. Zaskey 2nd the motion.

Committee Vote: 7-0 approved.

ITEM #3

ORDERED THAT the sum of fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00) be and hereby is appropriated to the following named account:

D.P.W. Wastewater Special Account for Building Repairs (Acct # 60004414-644006)

Said amount is to be taken from available funds in the sewer surplus account.

Stan Kulig and Tom Shea stated that; this is to supplement money already put aside for proactive and preventive maintenance on 2 recently bid projects, (Masonry and Evergreen for tile)

Councilor Tillotson stated that; this is a high priority and does it need to get done right now?

Councilor Moreau motioned to approve, Zaskey 2nd the motion.

Committee Vote: 7-0 approved.

ITEM #4

ORDERED THAT the sum of twelve thousand four hundred fifty two and 25/100 dollars (\$12,452.25) be and hereby is appropriated to the following named account:

Human resources Salary Account For Acting Director (Account #11520001-514010)

Said amount is to be taken from available funds in the undesignated fund balance "Free Cash" account.

Councilor Brooks stated that; he's now working without compensation, what exposure does the city have if something happened with that office?

Councilor Swider stated that; why not pay the \$12,452.25. The Committee just approved the MIS request for \$8,500.00 for O.T. without questioning time sheets. This will cost a lot more in the long run if it winds up to be a legal battle.

Councilor Tillotson stated that; I think if you deny him he'll go to court and win. He's working and not getting paid.

Dan Garvey (Associate City Solicitor) stated that; he didn't have an answer for them but, will put something together for their review.

Councilor Krampits motioned to adjourn the meeting to call of the chair, Zaskey 2nd the motion. Motioned passed at 6:20 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Michael Bissonette stated that; he will bring a name forward for the Human Resource Director position for the Council's consideration by February 6, 2010.

Committee vote: 6 – 1. Voting Unfavorable: Brooks

ITEM #5

Minutes – December 9, 2009. Motion made to accept. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.